

**FEBRUARY 25, 2014 CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The City Council Regular Session meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Drexel, with Councilors Riggs, Ferguson, Steinbeck, and Hagan present along with City Attorney Fogo, City Clerk Davidson, City Planner Ruggera, Finance Director Collins, Municipal Court Judge McDonald, Court Clerk McLeod, Deputy City Clerk Kindall, WSCU Liaison Leal, and a couple of citizens. City Manager Coleman and Community Development Director Westbay were absent. A Council quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2014. City Attorney Fogo stated that on page three of the minutes, Councilor Steinbeck's "for the record" comments following passage of Ordinance No. 3, are not a condition of the Ordinance but were Councilor Steinbeck's personal preference. Councilor Steinbeck amended her report comments on page four to reflect that it was WSCU Liaison Amber Leal's photograph and not Councilor Riggs' photo that she saw at the WSCU Welcome Center. Mayor Drexel stated that he abstained on the January 28, 2014, minutes and he did not vote to approve them. The City Attorney also asked that the word "conversion" be changed to "conversation" in Councilor Riggs' report on page four. City Clerk Davidson stated she would make the amendments as noted.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Ferguson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting minutes of February 11, 2014, as amended.

Roll call vote, yes: Riggs, Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison Farmers' Market Update and 2014 Multi-Day Event Permit. Beth Coop, Farmers' Market Director, and Paul Buck, Treasurer of the Farmers' Market Board, came forward and addressed Council. They gave an overview of the Farmers' Market Board's activities and an update on this year's Market. Topics discussed included the following: the Market is celebrating its 10th year in 2014; they are conducting more education this year including workshops on more diverse topics and sponsoring WSCU for-credit internships; the Market will once again host the Gardening Festival in April this year in conjunction with the Community Cleanup; they have elected new Board members; this year will be the third year they participate in the SNAP program; they are expanding their partnerships; over \$108,000 in sales tax was generated last year; and although the numbers were down slightly last year due to fewer vendors, the Market sales were within a few thousand dollars of the previous year. Board Treasurer Paul Buck told Council about the April 19th Garden Festival. This will be the 4th year of the event and they are increasing their exposure through social media use. They are working with the City CD office and the Kiwanis Club as partners in the event. Last year over 300 people attended and approximately 20 vendors sold products including seeds and plant starts that are suited for Gunnison. The Farmers' Market is looking at ways to bring Highway 50 travelers in off of the highway to stop and shop at the market and spend time and money in Gunnison. Council thanked Ms. Coop and Mr. Buck.

Councilor Steinbeck moved and Councilor Riggs seconded the motion to approve the Special Events Permit application from the Gunnison Farmers' Market to be held on Saturdays from June 14, through October 4, 2014, and to authorize the Mayor to sign said application.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

2013 Municipal Court Report – Judge James McDonald. Judge McDonald stated that the 2013 Municipal Court report was included in Council packets and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Judge McDonald then discussed the following topics: he thanked the Court Staff, Melissa, Tara and Gail, for all of their work and they take good care of him; the two main changes in 2013 involved the allowed marijuana use for persons 21 and older and the increase in fines for most parking violations; he has some safety concerns now that the Police Department is no longer down the hall during Court sessions; he and the Court staff are very vigilant about possible problems that might arise during a Court session and will call in an officer if needed; and the Court case numbers vary year to year, mainly due the University students nexus. Judge McDonald then explained that citations are written for violations of State Statute or City ordinances. The Gunnison Police Officers make the decision whether to write a citation into City Court or County Court. Some violations are not handled by the City Court but

on the others, the Officer makes the choice. Council thanked Judge McDonald and all of the Court Staff for their work.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Appointment of City Councilor to City Investment Board. Mayor Drexel volunteered to be the Council representative on the City Investment Board. Finance Director Collins informed Council that once a City Council representative is appointed, she will advertise for the two community representatives. Both the City Manager and City Finance Director serve on the Board as well. Councilor Steinbeck asked why the City will advertise instead of inviting participants. Director Collins explained that a conflict of interest could arise for any member of the investment business community if they were asked to serve on the Board and then wanted to provide investment services. After advertising for members, if no one comes forward, then invitations could be extended to community members to serve on the Board.

Councilor Ferguson moved and Councilor Steinbeck seconded the motion to appoint Mayor Bob Drexel as the Council representative on the City Investment Board.

Roll call vote, yes: Drexel, Steinbeck, Hagan, Riggs, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions: None.

City Attorney Kathleen Fogo: no report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman was out of town. City Clerk Davidson gave the report in his absence. Topics discussed included the following: the Police Department is moving the stored evidence materials into the new evidence storage area at the Police facility; the 2014 Budgets are out and on-line and if any Councilor wants a hardcopy to let her know; the Police Chief is working on a Victims Advocate Grant application to the State; the Parks Master Plan Grant application is being rewritten for submittal; Cranor Hill will be open until Sunday, March 9th; there was a successful High School lock-in event at the Community Center that raised funds for the SafeRide program; the Streets Crews are clearing snow and ice from the curblines; the Electric Department is interviewing for the Journey Lineman position that is open; the new refuse truck has starter problems and went back to Grand Junction for work; and the annual NMPP-provided infrared camera consultant has been in Gunnison checking for hotspots on the substation, transformers and electric line connections. If a hotspot is detected then it can be repaired before a major problem occurs.

Acting City Manager: Community Development Director Steve Westbay was out of town. City Planner Andie Ruggera gave the report in his absence. Planner Ruggera discussed the following topics: in the past six months the Department has processed 9 development applications including the revised Land Development Code and Official Zoning Map, one Conditional Use, three exempt subdivisions and a PUD Major Change for the Gunnison County Courthouse; the final comments for the Gunnison Sage-grouse Endangered Species listing were completed and submitted; the Highway Access Control Plan was completed under budget in December; a grant application to the Sonoran Institute was submitted for an exploratory scenario planning process; the six-step process for work related to the Master Plan update was completed and discussions continue with the Planning and Zoning Commission; it is anticipated the Master Plan update will take 18 to 24 months to complete; staff is working on the GOCO Paths to Parks grant application; Building Official Eric Jansen helped the County Building Department this past fall due to their limited staff resources; there were eleven new single family building permits issued and the Tractor Supply and Family Dollar Stores were completed; Eric has taken the lead in the City Hall remodel project; Fire Marshal Dennis Spritzer completed inspections of several restaurants and bars in the community; Dennis helped manage the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event and taught a Hazardous Materials Operations class; the Fire District has closed on the purchase of property on south 9th street for their future training site; and the Master Plan update is now the priority project.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson asked Council about upcoming Council meetings. It was determined that Councilors Hagan and Riggs will not be in attendance on March 4th, and Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson will be gone on March 18th during spring break. The Work Session meeting

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on March 18th may be cancelled due to lack of agenda items. City Clerk Davidson thanked Council for that update.

WSCU Liaison: Amber Leal reported on the following: the Political Science, Psychology and Sociology Departments have been very busy with new hires; 138 students attended the Preview Day held last Friday; the high school students had an opportunity to go skiing with the Mountain Sports Team; the Model UN team will be hosting a fundraising event at 7pm on Friday at the Brick Cellar; and she is closing down on graduation as she bought her cap and gown today.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

City Council Discussion, Meeting Reports, Items for Work Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Ferguson: reported he attended the Chamber Board meeting this morning and they talked about supporting local business, how to keep local dollars local, how fundraising is always a struggle, and about Ex-Officio Board Members voting on issues. They currently do vote on Chamber matters. He will be attending the Region 10 Broadband Project meeting tomorrow in Montrose.


Councilor Steinbeck: reported she had a quiet week. The Boomers and Beyond group had a successful fundraising table at the indoor yard sale last Saturday. Betty Dunbar has made a challenge to others that she will contribute \$100 to the Boomers building project if they donate \$100. The Boomers also have asked about keeping the south door open for ease of access for the seniors so they don't have to walk all the way through the front of the building. The County did approve funding for the Caddis Flats Project. She hopes the GVRHA will consider changing the name of the project.

Councilor Hagan: reported he attended the plastic bag ban meeting at the Brick Cellar. ORE made a good presentation but there was no opposition at the meeting. He hopes to hear both sides of the issue. He attended the Local Organizing Committee meeting for the bike race and he is the volunteer coordinator. He also attended the RTA meeting. It was a long yet productive day and they had good open communication between the attendees. He also hosted an interesting dinner for the students who went to Egypt with Dr. Cress. It gives you hope to talk with these young people.

Councilor Riggs: reported she also attended the single-use plastic bag forum. There were 44 people in attendance. They are seeking 5000 signatures on a petition to move the issue forward. She too would like to hear the opposition's side. She attended the RTA meeting yesterday and they formulated a punchlist of "to do" items. The Friends of Flight Program was discussed. Rick Lamport gave an overview of the economic impact of the airport. The full report is on the airport website. The Democrat and Republican Party caucuses will talk place next Tuesday evening.

Mayor Drexel: reported he had no meetings this week but will be attending three meetings on Thursday.

Adjournment: Mayor Drexel called for any further discussion, and hearing none, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.



Mayor



City Clerk